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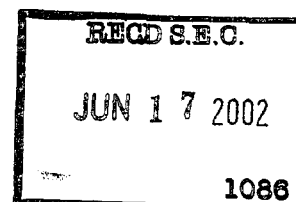
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Dear Ms. Hughes:

The New York Stock Exchange certifies approval for listing and registration under the Securities Exchange Act of 1933, The Hyperion Strategic Mortgage Income Fund, Inc., Ordinary Shares, nominal value \$0.01 per share. The NYSE requests simultaneous acceleration of registration of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, together with the 1933 Act. Adequate distribution assured. Form 8-A received on July 15, 2002. Tentative listing date – July 24, 2002.

Sincerely,

Paras Mehta